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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ILO PLAB PORG OVIP

SUBJECT: ILO: PLO REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS

REF: A. STATE 241578/1; B. GENEVA 6383

1. SUMMARY. ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL HAS PERSUADED GOVERNING BODY OFFICERS TO GO ALONG WITH POSTPONING CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR PLO OBSERVER STATUS IN ILO MEETINGS UNTIL FEBRUARY. GB OFFICERS WILL MEET AGAIN MONDAY EVENING TO RESOLVE IMPASSE ON JUNE CONFERENCE RESOLUTION IX (ARAB WORKERS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES) AND THERE IS OUTSIDE CHANCE THAT DECISION TO POSTPONE MAY COME UNSTUCK. END SUMMARY.

2. ILO LEGAL ADVISER TOLD LAB ATT THAT OFFICERS OF GB AGREED LAST NIGHT TO DG BLANCHARD'S SUGGESTION THAT CONSIDERATION OF PLO REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS BE POSTPONED TO FEBRUARY SESSION OF GB (REF A). HOWEVER, OFFICERS DID NOT REACH AGREEMENT ON HOW TO HANDLE CONFERENCE RESOLUTION IX (AND PRESUMABLY ALSO RELATED ISSUE OF ISRAELI REQUEST FOR SPECIAL SURVEY (REF B)

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AND WILL MEET AGAIN MONDAY EVENING. WOLF NOTED POSSIBILITY

THAT AGREEMENT ON POSTPONEMENT MIGHT COME UNSTUCK BEFORE GB
TOOK UP ISSUE LATER NEXT WEEK.

3. IN EARLIER CONVERSATION WOLF FELT IT UNLIKELY THAT US WOULD
HAVE TO PROPOSE OR SUPPORT POSTPONMENT PROPOSAL DURING GB
SESSION. ISRAELI MISSOFF WELCOMED US WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT
POSTPONEMENT BUT DECLINED DISCUSS HOW GB MIGHT HANDLE PLO REQUEST
ON BASIS THAT ALTERNATIVES STILL BEING MULLED OVER IN TEL
AVIV. AT THIS TIME SOLE ISRAELI OBJECTIVE IS DELAY. FRG
MISSOFF SYMPATHETIC TO POSTPONEMENT OF PLO ISSUE BECAUSE OF
ONGOING ME NEGOTIATIONS AND BECAUSE OF PROBABLE AFL-CIO
REACTION. UK NOT CONSULTED BUT UKG DELEGATE (MORGAN)
INDICATED APPROVAL OF CORRIDOR RUMORS OF GB OFFICERS DECISION
TO POSTPONE.

4. WOLF EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR AMENDING STANDING ORDERS
WITHOUT SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO PLO UNDER FORMULA CITED IN
REF A. THIS WOULD, OF COURSE, PERMIT SIMILARLY QUALIFIED
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO SEEK OBSERVER STATUS. SUBJECT WAS
RAISED TO WOLF IN CONTEXT OF POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES IN
FEBRUARY AND NOT IN TERMS OF US INVOLVEMENT.

COMMENT:

5. GB NOT LIKELY TO DISCUSS PLO ISSUE UNTIL LATER IN WEEK
WHICH WILL ALLOW TIME FOR MISSION TO LOBBY WITH KEY DELEGATIONS.
ON FORM OF FB PROPOSAL (I.E. CHANGE IN STANDING ORDERS
VERSUS RESOLUTION, REF A), WE FEEL (1) KEY REQUIREMENT
IS THAT PLO QUALIFY UNDER RULES APPLICABLE TO OTHER
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NOT BE MENTIONED BY NAME
AND (2) ASSUMING POSTPONEMENT TO FEBRUARY, THAT IT PROBABLY
TOO EARLY TO GO INTO DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OF ALTERNATIVES
OF OTHER DELEGATIONS.DALE

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